

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Detroit Institute of Arts

Detroit, Michigan

1st Annual Michigan Green Chemistry Governor's Awards

In October, 2006 Governor Jennifer M. Granholm issued Executive Directive No. 2006-6, "Promotion of Green Chemistry for Sustainable Economic Development and Protection of Public Health" that established state policy encouraging the use of safer, less toxic, or non-toxic chemical alternatives to hazardous substances and the research, development, and implementation of green chemistry in Michigan. The Department of Environmental Quality established the Michigan Green Chemistry Roundtable, comprised of experts representing business, academia, and environmental interests groups. The Roundtable played an active role in the development of the Awards Program in order to promote excellence in innovation, economic development and public health risk reduction by businesses and institutions.



Dr. Phil and Emily Savage conversing with fellow award winner, Tracey Easthope. Green Up's recycled glass award. DEQ Director Steven Chester and representatives from Dow AgroSciences.

Friday, September 25, 2009

DoubleTree Guest Suites | Fort Shelby

Detroit, Michigan

1st Annual Michigan Green Chemistry Conference

The conference brought leading experts in the field of technology, chemistry, engineering, and business process improvement to inspire and inform Michigan business leaders to develop an infrastructure for advancing and sustaining green products and processes in the State of Michigan. In addition to 13 individual breakout sessions, Dr. Amy Cannon presented a morning keynote on "What is Green Chemistry, and What it is Not!" In the afternoon Dr. John Warner discussed the opportunities and provided actionable ideas for Michigan organizations.



Dr. Amy Cannon, morning keynote speaker. Group working session. Dr. John Warner, afternoon keynote speaker, discussing opportunities for green chemistry changes and improvements.

2009 Award Winners

Business

PPG Industries, Inc.
Ray Schappert, PhD

Dow AgroSciences

Academic

Yinlun Huang, PhD
Wayne State University

Phillip E. Savage, PhD, PE
University of Michigan

Education

Chemistry Department,
Grand Valley State University

Public

Ecology Center
Mike Garfield, Director
Tracey Easthope,
Environmental Health Director

Student

Nathan Craft,
Chemistry Major,
Grand Valley State University

Feedback from the Conference...

"I think this was a great first step on the way to Green Chemistry. I'd like to see more of these conferences."

"This was an excellent networking opportunity!"

"Well organized with a good cross section of government, business, and academia."

"Very impressive first GC conference. Well done!"

